Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 01 Jan 2022 until 23:59 on Sunday 02 Jan 2022

Forecast Issued on Friday 31 Dec 2021 at 15:33 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for very windy conditions through the weekend but lower for the timing and intensity of rainfall. High also for a brief return to wintry conditions from later Monday and Tuesday.

Headline for Saturday 01 Jan 2022: Windy with rain never far away on Saturday. Storm force winds on summits.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 01 Jan 2022

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Medium Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Light rain	Fog	Heavy Rain	Sunny intervals	Heavy rain showers	Light rain showers (night)	Mist
Precipitation probability							
80%	40%	30%	40%	20%	60%	30%	20%

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Weather: The strength of the southerly or southwesterly winds will be the main feature of the day as gales extend down to low levels, hampering progress away from the most sheltered spots. Spells of heavy rain will move through quickly but will likely be enough to provide a good soaking. Rain turning to snow around munro level from mid afternoon. Some bright or sunny spells possible through the middle of the day, however.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20% improving 70% for a time through the middle of the day.

Visibility: Rain or showers will limit visibility to a few kilometers, although where these turn wintry later in the day visibility will be closer to a few hundred meters or less. Cloud will be extensive above around 500m at first, this lifting and breaking into the afternoon before descending again into evening, so be aware of deteriorating conditions towards dusk.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	36/44 SE	48/60 SE	58/74 S	61/78 S	53/68 SW	51/65 S	45/59 SW	39/53 SW	36/49 SW
900	23/31 SE	32/44 SE	40/54 S	41/57 S	37/53 SW	35/49 S	32/46 SW	30/44 SW	28/40 SW
600	30/38 SE	43/54 SE	51/64 S	50/65 S	46/60 SW	41/54 S	38/51 SW	34/47 SW	32/43 SW
300	17/25 SE	24/36 SE	25/39 S	28/44 S	25/41 SW	23/37 S	21/35 S	19/34 SW	17/30 S
Glen	6/16 S	14/31 S	14/32 S	20/43 S	19/40 SW	16/34 S	16/34 SW	15/32 SW	14/30 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	3/-4	4/-4	3/-5	3/-5	2/-7	1/-8	1/-8	0/-8	-0/-8
900	5/-0	6/-0	6/-1	6/-1	5/-2	4/-3	4/-3	3/-4	2/-4
600	8/4	11/5	9/4	9/3	7/1	7/1	6/-0	6/-1	5/-1
300	9/6	10/6	10/6	10/6	10/6	9/5	8/4	8/3	7/3
Glen	10/9	12/9	12/9	12/9	12/8	11/8	10/7	9/6	9/6
Freezing Level*	2000m	2300m	2200m	1900m	1500m	1500m	1400m	1200m	1200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Winds up to 85mph are possible on the most exposed ground through morning. Although temperatures are mild for the time of year, the strength of the wind and spells of heavy rain will still lead to a very real risk of significant chill.

Forecast for Sunday 02 Jan 2022

Weather: Another very windy day with showers becoming increasingly frequent through morning and near constant by evening across Lochaber, with Loch Lomond and the Trossachs afforded most shelter. Sleet or wet snow confined to the highest summits. Isolated thunderstorms are possible in the north. Mild for the time of year in the glens.

Maximum wind: South or Southwest 30-40 gusting 50mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20%

Visibility: Areas of cloud will shroud slopes above 400-600m through much of the day, perhaps a little higher and with occasional breaks towards Glen Coe and the Nevis range. As showers become more persistent, the cloud base will tend to lower through evening. Poor visibility will affect lowest slopes during heavier rain.

Temperature: **Glens:** 10 to 12 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 1 or 2 Celsius.
Freezing level: 1200m.

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